are, however, not utilizing their full quantity as is evident from the table given below:

(Figures in Box "N" Wagons)

	Total MPQ of valid linked industries at Khurja	Total booking of orders	Cancellation of orders	Quantity not utilized to the industries
2002	957	400	40	597
2003	363	270	120	213
2004	315	280	40	75
2005 (upto 16th August, 05)	275	120	Nil	Balance may be lifted

(c) To ensure adequate supply of coal to the small and tiny consumers, Government has earmarked 5 million tonnes of coal during 2005-06 for State Government undertakings and M/s. National Consumers Cooperative Federation of India Limited (an apex body under Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution) for distribution to small scale industries and tiny consumers and also through e-auction. Apart from this Government has extended the period for lifting of 0.5 million tonne of coal by State Government of Uttar Pradesh for distribution to the Brick units of the State.

Timely payments to SSIs

†3262. DR. CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many State Governments sell a major part of the products of small scale industries through wholesale centres and in that situation timely payments are not made and the matter gets worsened due to red tapism and corruption and small scale industrialists are compelled to delay their loan repayment and consequently they are declared as Non-Performing Assets and are the main reasons for their becoming sick units;

(b) if so, steps Government have taken to get rid of the problem; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any rule to ensure the timely payment?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government had enacted the Interest on Delayed Payments to Small Scale & Ancillary Industrial Undertakings Act, 1993 (as amended in 1998), to ensure that small scale industries (SSI) get timely payment for their products sold to other buyers, including the State Governments. The provision of this Act, with some amendments to make them more rigorous, have been included in the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Bill, 2005, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 12th May 2005.

Incentive package for SSIs

3263. SHRI DARA SINGH : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to work out a comprehensive incentive package for providing benefits to small scale and medium industries of the country particularly in Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether budgetary allocations is likely to be increased in above States during the financial year 2005-06; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD) : (a) and (b) A package for promotion and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) is under consideration of Government. This package proposes to provide support to the MSME in a number of areas such as credit, infrastructure, technology, marketing, etc. The promotional package, when implemented, will cover the MSME in the entire country, including the States of Maharashtra, Punjab and Rajasthan.